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## **AUGUST 16, 2020 ~ 11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST GATHERING**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

*In Isaiah we hear that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all people and that God will gather the outcasts of Israel. The Canaanite woman in today's gospel is a Gentile, an outsider, who is unflinching in her request that Jesus heal her daughter. As Jesus commends her bold faith, how might our church extend its mission to those on the margins of society? In our gathering around word and meal we receive strength to be signs of comfort, healing, and justice for those in need.*

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **GATHERING HYMN**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 858 verses 1 & 4

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Let all who hear now to his temple draw near,  
joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!

Let the amen sound from his people again.

Gladly forever adore him!

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#### **GREETING**

**P:** The grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Let us pray.* God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

#### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **WORD**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

**PSALM 67**

May God be merciful to us and bless us;  
may the light of God's face shine upon us.  
Let your way be known upon earth,  
your saving health among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has brought forth its increase;  
God, our own God, has blessed us.  
May God give us blessing,  
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

**SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** *Spoken together*

*Alleluia.* Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom and cured every sickness among the people.

*Alleluia. (Matt. 4:23)*

**GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28**

*Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

P: The Gospel of the Lord given to you. **ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

**MESSAGE**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Healer of Our Every Ill*

ELW 612 verses 1 & 3

*Refrain*

Healer of our ev'ry ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness;  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. *Refrain*

Give us strength to love each other,  
ev'ry sister, ev'ry brother;  
Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. *Refrain*

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## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **PEACE**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. All: **And also with you.**

### **PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL BLESSING**

Jesus, we believe you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We love You above all things and we desire to receive You into our souls. Since we cannot now receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace You as You are already there, and because of You we are united with You in death and in life. Never permit us to be separated from You. Amen.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## **SENDING**

### **BLESSING**

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. **Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG**

*Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

ELW 886 verses 1 & 5

Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing  
my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!

To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.

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## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **ALL: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## +++++ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER LIST+++++

**A Special Thank you** to Cathy and Mark Hoefler for providing vocal accompaniment with our hymns today! And, thank you, to Pastor Dick Kiesling as the lector for this day!

**Thank you for continuing to support the ministries** of our congregation during these unprecedented times. As it becomes clear that we're in this phase for a longer haul, we want to say a particular thanks for your faith, your generosity, and your perseverance. Your faithful stewardship of all God's gifts is the heart of disciple-making and neighbor-loving.

**OBD Casseroles** will be picked up this Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. Thank you for caring for the less fortunate and your generosity.

**The Stitches** are looking for and appreciate the crafts you may be creating during this time of being at home. Also, would you keep in mind the yard sale as you clean closets, garages and basements? Lynn Cox and Ruth Phoebus are the contacts.

**Outdoor Evening Vespers and Holy Communion Worship Service** next Sunday, August 23rd. Please arrive by 7:00PM to prepare for parking and seating. The service will begin at 7:15PM. A FM Radio Transmitter has been added to Salem's sound system for those remaining in their cars. Tune to FM radio 90.1 to hear the service.

**Ongoing Prayer Concerns:** Family and Friends of Lee Hoos, John Bragg, Barb Vogel, Family and friends of Wilda Brady, Jenny, Jenny's mom and sister Donna, Norma Knudsen, Anne Mills, Rachel's baby girl Diana, Capt'n Jim McMahan, Pr. Dick Kiesling, Karen, Donna Miller, Laura Riley, Judy Newsome, Phil Kulinski, Bruce Greer, Debbie McDonald, Michelle Harshman, Lisa Barwick, Dorothy Portera, Nick Carmichael, Walt Karoll, Sandy Barthel, Marianna Putnam, Dawn Weaver, Joan Burleigh, Donald Rembert, Thelma Preisinger, Steve Sussan, Bill & Sherri Stout, Julie Stout, Betty Burnet, Carrie Claus, Dorothy Long, Bailey Law, Pr. Myers, Maurice Grove, Nancy Roschli, Margaret and Jerry Shank, Jim McNicholas, Aunt Marie, Joan Evans, Steve Norman, Austin Phoebus, Joan & John Kusick, Robin Sealover, Kaidyn Jamison, Lennard Beecher, Jumela Beecher, Seth Bates, Siloa Lutheran Church, Steve White, Margret Krebbal, Frank Gailitz, Dan Gnau, Paula Feldman, Dolly Suiratt, Talu Elvove Arikan, Jim Bair, Craig Perry Beel, Joyce Craig, Aston Dean, Kattie Hale, Carolyn Lynch, Ray Morrison, Nicole Phelps, Kim Scott, Natalie Szparza, Pat Ward, Curtis Waters, Jason Whitney, Karen Wiley, Nick Wingate, and Jeanie Z., Will & Bernadine Boyce, Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Bill Gohl.

*Please contact Lynn Cox or Pastor with updates concerning the prayer list.*

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